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APPLICANT: YODFAT et al
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above subject application, please amend the application as follows. Applicant believes that no fee, is due to have this paper entered and considered but, if any fee is required, the Patent Office should consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension and the Patent Office is authorized to charge the proper fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-3018.

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In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1 line 10 with the following paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a ~~continuation~~ divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/314,177~~ 10/314,199, filed December 9, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/637,287, filed August 11, 2000 issued as U.S. Patent 6,673,089, which is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Patent application No. 09/484,965, filed January 18, 2000 issued as U.S. Patent 6,348,063